

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	§	Chapter 11
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W.R. GRACE & CO., et al.,	§	Jointly Administered
	§	Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)
Debtors.	§	
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**FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING THE FINAL
APPLICATION OF LUKINS & ANNIS, P.S., FOR COMPENSATION
FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2004**

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the Final Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S., for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period from July 2002 through December 15, 2004 (the “Application”).

BACKGROUND

1. Darrell W. Scott (“Scott”), formerly of Lukins & Annis, P.S. (“Lukins & Annis”), was retained as special counsel for the Zonolite Attic Insulation (“ZAI”) Claimants. In the Application, Lukins & Annis seeks final approval of fees totaling \$539,289.00¹ and expenses totaling \$42,716.68²

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for its services from July 2002 through December 15, 2004 (the “Final Application Period”).³

2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time and expense entries included in the exhibits to the Application, for compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 330, Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2014, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330, Issued January 30, 1996, (the “Guidelines”), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We had no issues with, or objections to, the Application, and thus we did not send an initial report to Lukins & Annis.

DISCUSSION

Final Application Period

3. We noted that although Lukins & Annis had requested final approval of fees totaling \$539,289.00, we calculated Lukins & Annis’ total fees at \$537,953.50, for a difference of \$1,335.50. There are two reasons for this discrepancy. First, Lukins & Annis did not deduct from its final fee request a \$1,650.00 reduction approved by the Court for the Sixth Interim Period. *See* paragraph 4 and n. 12. Second, Lukins & Annis filed its Fifteenth Interim fee application jointly with The Scott Law Group, but in its final fee request it is attributing a small portion of fees sought in the Fifteenth Interim fee application, \$314.50, which were for fees billed for the period of December 16, 2004

³This is the period in which Scott was associated with Lukins & Annis. Commencing December 16, 2004, Scott formed The Scott Law Group, P.S. (“The Scott Law Group”), and Lukins & Annis’ work on the case ceased.

through December 31, 2004, solely to The Scott Law Group, and is not including this sum in its final fee request. When this amount is offset against the \$1,650.00 fee reduction, the total is \$1,335.50. We recommend no increase to Lukins & Annis' final fee request for the \$314.50 in fees for December 16-31, 2004 which it elected not to seek.⁴ Thus, we recommend no adjustment to Lukins & Annis' final fee request, except for the Court-approved reduction of \$1,650.00, not previously deducted by Lukins & Annis. *See* paragraph 4 and n. 12.

Prior Interim Applications

4. We note that we previously filed the following final reports for Lukins & Annis' prior interim applications, which final reports we incorporate by reference herein, and we also note the following orders that ruled on Lukins & Annis' prior interim fee applications:

6th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Sixth Interim Period (Docket #3321), filed on or about February 5, 2003, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$36,041.00 and expenses totaling \$3,422.38, reflecting our recommended reduction of \$1,650.00 in fees, as further explained in paragraph 7 of that final report. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Sixth Period, dated March 14, 2003 (Docket #3511).

7th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Seventh Interim Period (Docket #3623), filed on or about April 7, 2003, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$88,506.00 and

⁴We note from our review of the Prior Fee Application chart in The Scott Law Group's final fee application that The Scott Law Group has included the \$314.50 in fees for December 16-31, 2004 in its final fee request.

expenses totaling \$2,620.96. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Seventh Period, dated July 28, 2003 (Docket #4157).

8th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Eighth Interim Period (Docket #4069), filed on or about July 17, 2003, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$105,390.00 and expenses totaling \$12,923.70. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Eighth Period, dated September 22, 2003 (Docket #4480).

9th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Ninth Interim Period (Docket #4472), filed on or about September 24, 2003, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$106,233.00 and expenses totaling \$7,240.24. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Ninth Period, dated December 15, 2003 (Docket #4827).

10th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Thirteenth Interim Period (Docket #6982), filed on or about November 18, 2004, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling

\$122,675.00 and expenses totaling \$11,917.57.⁵ The Court approved \$122,675.00 in fees and \$11,917.57 in expenses in the Order Regarding Motion to Amend Orders with Regards to Certain Quarterly Fee Applications, dated December 29, 2004 (Docket #7396).⁶

11th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Thirteenth Interim Period (Docket #6982), filed on or about November 18, 2004, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$17,860.00 and expenses totaling \$641.90.⁷ The Court approved \$17,860.00 in fees and \$641.90 in expenses in the Order Regarding Motion to Amend Orders with Regards to Certain Quarterly Fee Applications, dated December 29, 2004 (Docket #7396).⁸

⁵We had originally recommended approval of only \$93,557.40 in fees and \$11,917.57 in expenses for the Tenth Interim Period because the ZAI Claimants' counsel were over budget for the ZAI Science Trial litigation. See Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Tenth Interim Period (Docket #5216), at ¶3. However, the Court subsequently approved an increase in the budget for that litigation, so that the ZAI Claimants' counsel were within budget. We therefore recommended approval of their entire fee and expense request for that period.

⁶This Order modified the Court's original award of \$93,557.40 in fees and \$11,917.57 in expenses approved in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Tenth Period, dated April 26, 2004 (Docket #5482).

⁷We had originally recommended approval of \$0.00 in fees and \$0.00 in expenses for the Eleventh Interim Period because the ZAI Claimants' counsel were over budget for the ZAI Science Trial litigation. See Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Eleventh Interim Period (Docket #5661), at ¶3. However, the Court subsequently approved an increase in the budget for that litigation, so that the ZAI Claimants' counsel were within budget. We therefore recommended approval of their entire fee and expense request for that period.

⁸This Order modified the Court's original award of \$0.00 in fees and \$0.00 in expenses approved in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Eleventh Period, dated June 16, 2004 (Docket #5822).

12th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Thirteenth Interim Period (Docket #6982), filed on or about November 18, 2004, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$39.00 and expenses totaling \$1,107.72.⁹ The Court approved \$39.00 in fees and \$1,107.72 in expenses in the Order Regarding Motion to Amend Orders with Regards to Certain Quarterly Fee Applications, dated December 29, 2004 (Docket #7396).¹⁰

13th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Thirteenth Interim Period (Docket #6982), filed on or about November 18, 2004, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$3,631.00 and expenses totaling \$145.75. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Thirteenth Period, dated January 26, 2005 (Docket #7622).

14th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Fourteenth Interim Period (Docket #7944), filed on or about March 3, 2005, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling

⁹We had originally recommended approval of \$0.00 in fees and \$0.00 in expenses for the Twelfth Interim Period because the ZAI Claimants' counsel were over budget for the ZAI Science Trial litigation. See Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Fee Application of Lukins & Annis, P.S. for the Twelfth Interim Period (Docket #6058), at ¶3. However, the Court subsequently approved an increase in the budget for that litigation, so that the ZAI Claimants' counsel were within budget. We therefore recommended approval of their entire fee and expense request for that period.

¹⁰This Order modified the Court's original award of \$0.00 in fees and \$0.00 in expenses approved in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Twelfth Period, dated September 27, 2004 (Docket #6465).

\$9,723.00 and expenses totaling \$151.20. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Fourteenth Period, dated March 22, 2005 (Docket #8081).

15th Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding Lukins & Annis P.S. for the Fifteenth Interim Period (Docket #8557), filed on or about June 6, 2005, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$47,855.50 and expenses totaling \$2,545.26. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Fifteenth Period, dated June 29, 2005 (Docket #8728).

5. We have reviewed the final reports and orders allowing fees and expenses for the prior interim periods, and we do not believe there is any reason to change any of the amounts awarded for the prior interim periods.

CONCLUSION

6. Thus, we recommend final approval of \$537,639.00 in fees (\$539,289.00¹¹ minus \$1,650.00)¹² and \$42,716.68¹³ in expenses for Lukins & Annis' services for the Final Application

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¹²This is the amount of the Court-approved reduction for the Sixth Interim Period, not previously deducted by Lukins & Annis. See paragraph 4.

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Respectfully submitted,

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